

Romans 11:7-8 Who's fault is it? Is it God's fault that (34) Israel rejected Jesus? Absolutely not! God only gave them exactly what they wanted. He gave them the conviction that Jesus was not the coming King. note: We must always be careful on what we wish for because God might give us exactly that:

(John 19:15): But they shouted, "Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!" "Shall I crucify your King?" Pilate asked, "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. - And - (Matthew 27:24-25): When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person." "You see to it" And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and our children."

Romans 11:9-10 is a Messianic Psalm about ^{the} crucifixion, and it paints a picture of Israel celebrating the symbolic Passover feast while rejecting the real Passover Lamb.

Romans 11:11-12 Even Israel's rejection, and current rejection, did not lead them to be abandoned by God. No, it just caused God to put them in a "Spiritual Time-out" while He turned to believing Jews and everyone else (Gentiles) through Paul. (12) They are still God's people and they still have physical blessings but nowhere near as blessed as when they recognize "the One whom they had pierced" (Zechariah 12:10) during the 7 years of Jacob's trouble/Tribulation which will finally lead to them having the promised Kingdom.

Romans 11:13-14 I think Paul is reminding them not to get too comfortable in the Body of Christ, like Israel did in "the Law" but rather to spread the Gospel of Grace so that some blinded Jews can find the truth and be let to "see" once again.

Romans 11:15-16 This is the exact opposite of a little leaven (yeast) leavens the whole loaf where as the leaven is sin. When a little sin enters the loaf it quickly expands, and enlarges the whole loaf. Once the leaven is introduced it can not be removed. - If Paul's pictorial points to the "leaven" being the Gospel then the exact opposite would happen. In this case the leaven is not "sin" but rather faith.

Romans 11:17 Now picture this tree as the "tree of life." (35)
Originally this tree was Israel. It was planted so that any and all nations who wanted to eat of it, or have protection under it could come to it. But the tree was disobedient to the purpose God had planted it for. But God did not cut the tree down, He just broke off the branches that were not producing fruit and grafted in "wild olive branches" (believers; Jew & Gentile) that would bear fruit.

Romans 11:18-21 Now don't get on your high horse because God chose to graft you in for if you too fail to produce fruit you too will be cut off and put in the barn pile. (All 3 of these chapters - 9, 10, 11 - are all a warning to believers not to make the same mistake the nation of Israel made.)

Romans 11:22-24 (Paraphrasing) "We have a God of love to those who love Him but this same Triune God is also the God of Wrath who wipes out people that hate Him." For examples read the Old Testament (the Flood, the families of the 10 spies, the Korah rebellion, 185,000 Assyrians, Sodom & Gomorah, the Philistines through the hands of Samson, the people of Jericho, and thousands upon thousands more. Of course, not even to compare to the approximately 6 Billion people that still will be taken out for continuing to hate His Son. - verses 23-24 also say that any and every one who wants to can still be grafted or re-grafted in.

Romans 11:25 Paul's repeated use of the word "Mystery" needs to be amplified because when Paul uses it, it is almost always a NEW revelation, a new explanation even a new prophecy.

Paul is saying, "Here is a new truth: Just because you are a part of God's chosen people Israel does not mean that you are automatically saved. Only a part of Israel will be saved. The part that recognized that Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah is assured to be seen as righteous." NKJV: "For I do not desire brethren that you should be ignorant of this Mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in." - Those who have rejected Jesus can obey all the rules and regulations they want, live as holy as possible, but will still be blinded until the last Gentile (Christian) is born. That's when God will unblind

Israel, Unfortunately, this will be the time of Jacob's trouble when it will once again be as the days of Noah. And just like with Noah, Sodom and Gomorrah, and Rehah and her family, all of His faithful will be removed: Why? Because Scripture always shows us God pouring out His wrath on the wicked ONLY. (In the case of Jesus, Jesus took on our wickedness in our place). God told Paul to tell us that in 1 Thessalonians 5:9: "For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ".

Paul was given several new informations/prophecies/explanations that were never clearly revealed before. Even Jesus did not reveal the mystery of the Age of Grace ("till the fullness of the Gentiles comes in) when asked by His disciples when He would set up His Kingdom. (see Matthew 24: 3-22)-printout

- So why did Jesus not tell them that there would be some 2,000 years before this would happen? Two answers: ① Because Jesus came to fulfill the Law and was born as the promised Messiah. He came to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15: 21-24)-printout, and ② Israel had not yet rejected Him.

You see God reveals truths as they are needed, at the perfect time. All those that were saved prior to the rejection of Jesus were saved because they obeyed what God told them to do. (We saw, and read that, in Hebrews chapter 11. For example Adam did not need to know the horror of the last days. All he needed to do was keep his hands off of the Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. (By the way it was absolutely the most beautiful tree in the garden. - Beware, sin may look very attractive in the moment.)

In our case, (the past 2,000 years) it has been the finished work of the Cross.

Back to God's increasingly revealing truths: He said that) was His plan back in Deuteronomy 29:29 (printout). Also, there will not be any new revelations in God's Word. Paul and John were given the final revelations. (Colossians 1: 24-27)-Print out